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Comment: I would like to express my gratitude to NYSERDA for the contributions that they make to the construction industry as a valued partner in the development of energy efficient and green and sustainable buildings. Tishman Speyer has used NYSERDA as a resource to understanding integrating energy efficiency as a major design element in large complex commercial development. They have assisted us in both new construction, Hearst Headquarters and Citigroup, both LEED for New Construction Gold, as well as our existing buildings, 520 Madison Avenue, LEED for Existing Buildings Silver. These projects would not have achieved their success without NYSERDA providing the engineering analysis! and funding that concentrated solely on energy efficiency. The experience of "knowing what works" now guides our basic design principles and building operations. We fully support NYSERDA and hope these hearings recognize the service and value added NYSERDA provides.